

RFP N00039-16-R-0030
Questions and Answers, dated 07/06/2016

Question Number	Submission Date	Question	RFP Reference (if provided)	Answer	Date Posted to E-Commerce
1	6/20/2016	What is the closing date for receipt of proposals for the project?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 1.1 - Date and Time of Receipt of Offers	The due date for proposals is July 18, 2016 at 5:00 PM (PDT).	6/24/2016
2	6/23/2016	The clauses at L.3.2.14 (Purchasing System) could be interpreted to mean that each offeror must have an approved Purchasing system at time of proposal submission. The 541614 NAICS code encourages participation by highly capable small business primes that have approved accounting systems as well as expert level knowledge of Cost Estimating and Purchasing, but they may not have passed the revenue thresholds that would necessitate either Government review (DFARs 252.215-7002 and DFARs 252.244-7001). Is it the Government's intent to require that each offeror have approved Estimating and Purchasing Systems at time of submission of proposals or within a stated period at or following award as the result of a review of each system?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 3.2.14 - Purchasing System	No, it is not the Government's intent to require that each offeror have approved Estimating and Purchasing Systems at time of submission of proposals.	6/24/2016
3	6/24/2016	Section L-2.2 states, "Type size shall be Times New Roman and no smaller than 12 point in the text and 10 point in the spreadsheets." Based on the fact that there are a significant amount of requirements to address in Factor 1, would the Government consider allowing a smaller font size or additional page count for factors a,b,d,e, and f to adequately demonstrate our understanding and approach to meet the PWS requirements?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.2 - Proposal Format	No, the requirement is as stated in the RFP.	6/29/2016
4	6/24/2016	Section L-2.2 states, "Type size shall be Times New Roman and no smaller than 12 point in the text and 10 point in the spreadsheets." Would the Government allow an alternate font type and size for graphics and tables as long as it is legible?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.2 - Proposal Format	No, the requirement is as stated in the RFP.	6/29/2016
5	6/24/2016	Section L-2.2 states, "The Offeror's proposal shall be prepared on standard 8 1/2" by 11" paper, double-spaced, with 1" minimum margins." Please confirm that tables and graphics are not required to be double spaced. Are resumes required to be double spaced?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.2 - Proposal Format	Tables and graphics are not required to be double-spaced. Resumes may be single-spaced. The RFP will be amended accordingly via Amendment 0001.	6/29/2016
6	6/24/2016	Section L-2.2 states, "The Offeror's proposal shall be prepared on standard 8 1/2" by 11" paper, double-spaced, with 1" minimum margins." Would the Government consider providing relief on the font size or double-spacing requirement in resumes to allow us enough room to demonstrate specialized experience?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.2 - Proposal Format	Resumes may be single-spaced. The RFP will be amended accordingly via Amendment 0001.	6/29/2016

7	6/24/2016	Section L-3.3.1 requires Offerors to include “a statement that the proposal is valid for six months from RFP release;” however, Section L-1.2 states, “Proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall be valid for no less than six months from the date and time established for receipt of proposals.” Can the Government please clarify whether proposals are to be held valid for six months from the RFP release date or six months from the proposal due date?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 1.2 Proposal Validity Period; 3.3.1 Section 1 : Proposal Cover Letter	Proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall be valid for no less than six months from the date and time established for receipt of proposals. Language in L-317, 3.3.1 Section 1: Proposal Cover Letter, will be updated via Amendment 0001 of this RFP.	6/29/2016
8	6/24/2016	Would the Government allow a 1-2 page Introduction / Executive Summary for Volume I: Technical that does not count against the page limit for introducing our team and setting the stage for our proposal?	N/A	No, the requirement is as stated in the RFP.	6/29/2016
9	6/24/2016	Attachment 7 lists “five (5) years Inventory and PHS&T experience or an associate’s degree and three (3) years of supply support management experience” as the Minimum Education and Experience Requirement for the Inventory and PHS&T Manager. Should the requirement actually be five (5) years Inventory and PHS&T experience or an associate’s degree and three (3) years of Inventory and PHS&T experience?	Attachment 7	The requirement for the Inventory PHS&T Manager Labor Category is as follows: “Required: Minimum of five (5) years Inventory and PHS&T experience or an associate’s degree and three (3) years of Inventory and PHS&T experience”. Language in Attachment 7 will be updated via Amendment 0001 of this RFP.	6/29/2016
10	6/24/2016	Attachment 5 – Past Performance Form is set up outside of the standard margins requirement of one inch according to Section L-2.2. Are Offerors to use the form as is, or are we required to adjust it to meet the margin requirements?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.2 Proposal Format; Attachment 5	Use the form as provided.	6/29/2016
11	6/24/2016	Attachment 5 – Past Performance Form is not double-spaced. Please confirm Offerors are to use the form as is and are not required to adjust it to meet the double-spacing requirements.	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.2 Proposal Format; Attachment 5	Use the form as provided.	6/29/2016
12	6/24/2016	Can the Government please confirm that CPARS evaluations do not count against the page limit? If they do not count, may Offerors include CPARS evaluations as an Appendix to Volume I, so pages in Factor 4 can be numbered consecutively?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 3.1 Volume I: Technical; Attachment 5	CPARS evaluations do not count against the page limit. CPARS evaluations should be included with all other Factor 4 information.	6/29/2016
13	6/24/2016	Section L-2.1 Factor Four, Past Performance, Page Limit states, “2 pages per contract- up to 3 contracts (6 pages total);” however, Attachment 5, Block 12 states, “Provide a summary description of contract work, not to exceed two pages in length. Describe the nature and scope of work, its relevancy to this contract, and a description of any problems encountered and your corrective actions. Attach the explanation to this form.” Please clarify whether the page limit of 2 pages for the Past Performance include Attachment 5 as being 1 of the 2 pages?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: 2.1 Proposal Organization	Attachment 5 is not one of the two pages.	6/29/2016

14	6/29/2016	Attachment 7 – Labor Category Descriptions required the Software Engineer/WILD Database Manager (Key) to have a Bachelor’s degree in computer science and a minimum of seven (7) years software engineering experience to include at least one (1) year experience in each of the following: MS DOT. NET, Oracle Databases, and SQL. Would the Government accept a Master’s or Bachelor’s degree in another field, plus 15 years software engineering experience to include at least five (5) years’ experience in each of the following: MS DOT. NET, Oracle Databases, and SQL?	Attachment 7	The requirements in Attachment 7 will remain the same. Attention is directed to the following Language in Section M of the RFP: "The Government will evaluate the extent to which proposed personnel, collectively, demonstrate the desired and required education, qualifications and experience to enable successful performance of the PWS. Resumes will not be assigned individual adjectival ratings."	6/29/2016
15	6/29/2016	Factor 1 letter (c) states “using the attached sample BOM (Attachment 6, Sample BOM, Logistics Support Facility Procured Parts), the Offeror shall provide a sample material pricing package showing the results of market research accomplished; the degree of price competition obtained; and the results of price evaluations.” Can the Government please clarify if the pages required to compile and demonstrate a material pricing package can be submitted as an appendix to the proposal, or will it be considered in the original page count of the proposal?	L-317, Submission of Proposals: Factor 1 - Technical Approach, Letter "C"; Attachment 6	This information is to be included within the 10 pages for element c and not as a separate appendix.	6/30/2016
16	6/30/2016	A Pre-solicitation Notice was posted to FBO on 31 May 16, and an update was posted on 7 Jun 16 which provided instructions for assessing the NESI link for the project and stating "THE PWS will not be available until the RFP has been posted on the e-commerce and www.fbo.gov websites". However, the RFP and PWS were not posted on fbo.gov when released on 16 Jun 16 nor were any updates provided on FBO until 27 Jun when Q&A were posted. For potential offerors contemplating a bid/no-bid decision based on the solicitation and acquisition strategy, the 27 Jun FBO posting was industry's first notice that the solicitation had been posted. Respectfully request an extension to the proposal due date to allow for the 11 day delay in posting the solicitation to FBO.	FBO postings for N00039-16-R-0030	The due date for proposals has been extended to 29 July 2016.	7/1/2016
17	6/30/2016	The FBO notice states the incumbent contractor is Serco, Inc. under Contract N00039-12-C-0077 but the DD 254 states this is not a follow-on contract. Please clarify.	Solicitation attachment 2, DD 254 and FBO notice	For the purposes of filling out DD Form 254, a Follow-On Contract is a contract awarded to the same contractor or subcontractor for the same item or services as a preceding contract. This item authorizes the contractor or subcontractor to transfer material/information received or generated under the preceding contract to the new contract. The transferred material/information will be reflected in Item 13. During a competitive contract action this information is not known until the contract is awarded. Therefore, DD Form 254 item 4 is market as a "No" for solicitation purposes.	7/1/2016

17	6/30/2016	Please provide the total value and current annual value of the current contract. Are the requirements for this solicitation generally the same as exist in the current contract?	Contract N00039-12-C-0077 cited in FBO Pre-solicitation Notice.	The total value of the current contract is \$19,169,228.49. The annual value of the contract is approximately \$3.8 million per year. These values are representative of the current contract value and do not necessarily represent the value of the follow-on contract. The technical requirements for this solicitation are similar to those of the contract N00039-12-C-0077.	7/7/2016
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